

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents

FROM: Molly Chamberlin, Director

Office of Student Learning Choices

DATE: April 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Alternative Education Renewal Grant and DOE-AL Report

The 2008-09 Alternative Education Renewal Grant Application is now available online at www.doe.in.gov/alted (click '2008-09 Renewal Grant' in the 'Find It Fast' box). You will need approximately 30 minutes to complete the Renewal Application. Enter the username 'educator' and the password 'renewal' to access the site. Choose your school corporation and select the program you want to complete. Once the Renewal Grant information has been completed, click SUBMIT. If an error message appears, correct the item and resubmit. Only the Assurances page needs to be printed. This page must be RECEIVED by the Department with the superintendent's original signature by June 20, 2008, at 4:30 P.M. (EDT). If it is not received by this date and time, your program will not be approved as a renewal, and you will be required to go through the new program approval process. Please note that there will be no exceptions to the June 20 deadline.

In addition, currently approved programs need to submit actual participation data for SY 2007-08 to the Department through the STN Application Center. Contact your STN site administrator for assistance. The data layout and reporting requirements are available by clicking on **Alternative Education** at www.doe.in.gov/stn. The required collection period will be open from May I to July 23, 2008. During this time, you are required to submit the file to the Application Center, review the processing results of the data transfer, and review the report in the Message Center. If there are any errors or inaccuracies, you may correct the data and transmit the file again until the end of the collection period.

If you are developing a new alternative education program, the 'New Program Proposal' is available in the 'Find It Fast' box at www.doe.in.gov/alted. We recommend that your application be submitted at least 60 days prior to operating. This allows the Department time to review the application, ensure that the program is eligible for funding, and grant provisional approval (as appropriate).,